



Type of Case: Officer Involved Shooting

Date/Time Occurred: 11/10/2023

Location: 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, CA.

Release Date: 11/13/2023

## **Officers Involved in Shooting of an Armed Man**

**Suspect: Darrell Fowler, San Bernardino resident**

On Friday, November 10, 2023, at approximately 1030 P.M., fully uniformed San Bernardino Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for numerous vehicle code violations. The vehicle had three occupants in it. During contact with the driver, who was identified as Darrell Fowler of San Bernardino, officers confirmed that he did not have a valid driver's license.

Fowler was asked to step out of the vehicle, but he refused. Officers gave Fowler numerous verbal commands, at which time Fowler was observed reaching near his right side. He then moved his seatbelt out of the way and started to tuck his hand back, causing the officers to believe that Fowler may be reaching for a weapon. One officer grabbed Fowler's hand and tried to remove it from the area he was reaching towards; however, Fowler pushed the officer's hand away and quickly began reaching into the same area and retrieved a handgun. At this point, an officer-involved shooting occurred. After the shooting, Fowler was disarmed, and medical aid was requested. While waiting for medical aid to arrive, Officers began rendering medical aid to Fowler at the scene. While rendering medical aid, officers saw that Fowler was wearing a gun holster. The two other occupants in the vehicle were unharmed and transported to the police station to be interviewed.

Fowler was transported to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. Fowler has an extensive and violent criminal history. Additionally, Fowler was the named suspect in an armed robbery that had recently occurred. This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding the criminal investigation is asked to contact Detective Lariz at [Lariz\\_Ca@sbcity.org](mailto:Lariz_Ca@sbcity.org).

